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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Interdepartmental Coordinating
and Planning Staff

SUBJECT: Psychological Warfare

REFERENCE: Your Disposition Form dated 4 December 1946,
Same Subject.

1. The following general comments are offered re NIA 7:

ORE concurs in general with the conclusions enumerated in the report of the ad hoc committee, particularly with that conclusion stating the need for the establishment of a committee from appropriate governmental agencies to engage in preparation of psychological warfare policies, etc. (Section 4e).

For practical purposes, the field which such a committee may advantageously develop and the extent to which its studies may profitably be pursued will doubtless evidence itself in the course of the committee's work.

ORE considers it important that valuable experience acquired in World War II in psychological warfare should not be lost. It is therefore likely that the committee, if ultimately established, will find it desirable to engage in a systematic study of methods and techniques not only as made use of by the United States but also by other governments, friendly and enemy, and in the adaptation and projection of successful procedures into plans for possible future use.

ORE is, however, inclined to the belief that planning for the future will in all probability have to be of a general nature since lapse of time and intrusion of events may be expected markedly to affect the details of action and modify present views.

The problem of enlisting suitable personnel in a future organization is one of importance and difficulty. The committee would doubtless find it needful to devote much study to this subject with a view to determining methods of selection and types of persons suitable for the work. While again the factor of "marking time" is present, it may be appropriate to consider the establishment of

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a "psychological warfare reserve" whose continuous interest in the project might be stimulated by periodic assignments of study and by occasional conventions.

2. ORE's responsibility in general appears to be that of providing the evaluated intelligence required by the psychological warfare committee. In order to carry out this function ORE should provide consultants or liaison officers to the subcommittee as required.

3. The following comments are made re the specified paragraphs of particular interest to ORE:

a. Page 6, paragraph 3b. Permanent ORE membership on the committee is not considered necessary. See paragraph 2 above, and 3d below.

b. Page 7, paragraph 7d. Concur.

c. Page 8, paragraph 8c. Concur.

d. Page 8, paragraph 8d. It is believed that ORE participation in this project should be carried out under the provisions of this paragraph.

e. Page 20, paragraph 12. The evaluated intelligence required can be arranged for under the provisions of paragraph 8d by use of a consultant from ORE.

f. Page 22, paragraph 13f. Same comment as e above.



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